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'Health Program or Military Program'? White House Taps Military Official to Lead New Pandemic Policy Office

Retired Major General Paul Friedrichs, a military combat surgeon who strongly supported COVID-19 vaccine mandates and countermeasures, will lead the new Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy, the White House announced last week.

By **Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D.**

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Just weeks after ending the COVID-19 national and public health emergencies and the resignation of COVID-19 Response Coordinator Ashish Jha, the White House launched its Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy (OPPR).

Retired Major General Paul Friedrichs, a military combat surgeon, will lead the office, the White House said.

According to the White House, the OPPR will be "a permanent office in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) charged with leading, coordinating, and implementing actions related to preparedness for, and response to, known and unknown biological threats or pathogens that could lead to a pandemic or to significant public health-related disruptions in the United States."

The OPPR will take over the duties of President Biden's COVID-19 and monkeypox response teams, including "ongoing work to address potential public health outbreaks and threats from COVID-19, Mpox, polio, avian and human influenza, and RSV [respiratory syncytial virus]," the announcement stated.

The OPPR also will oversee efforts to "develop, manufacture, and procure the next generation of medical countermeasures, including leveraging emerging technologies and working with HHS [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] on next generation vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 and other public health threats."

According to The New York Times, Friedrichs, set to take office Aug. 7, will have the authority to "oversee domestic biosecurity preparedness." He will work on the development of next-generation vaccines, ensure adequate supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile and "ramp up surveillance to monitor for new biological threats."

Several medical, biosecurity and civil liberties experts questioned the selection of a career military and biosecurity individual to head a new office charged with pandemic preparedness.

They also told The Defender they saw parallels between the White House's establishment of the OPPR and ongoing United Nations (U.N.) efforts to draft a global declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR).

'Is OPPR a health program or a military program?'

Friedrichs, a board-certified physician, is currently a special assistant to the president and senior director for Global Health Security and Biodefense at the National Security Council.

He previously served as joint staff surgeon at the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and as medical adviser to the Pentagon's COVID-19 task force.

Throughout his career, the White House said, Friedrichs worked closely with federal, state, tribal, local and territorial government partners, as well as industry and academic counterparts.

According to the White House:

> "As the United States' representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Committee of Military Medical Chiefs, he worked closely with many of America's closest allies and partners throughout the pandemic and in developing medical support to the Ukrainian military."

In his previous roles at the National Security Council and DOD, Friedrichs was a strong proponent of COVID-19 vaccines and countermeasures.

The Times reported that, in a February speech, Friedrichs said, "The military health system became the pinch-hitter that stepped in to help our civilian partners as we collectively struggled to work through that pandemic."

In a February 2022 podcast, Friedrichs praised the COVID-19 vaccines and also appeared to blame those who were unvaccinated for placing "stress on our system."

And in remarks shared in January 2022 with the Association of the United States Army, Friedrichs asked military families to continue holding off on gatherings so that service members are "able to do the things that our nation depends on them to do."

Does Friedrichs' appointment signal more vaccine mandates?

Describing Friedrichs' appointment as "a joke and a fraud," Francis Boyle, J.D., Ph.D., a bioweapons expert and professor of international law at the University of Illinois who drafted the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989, told The Defender:

> "DOD has routinely enforced experimental medical vaccines on U.S. Armed Forces, in gross violation of the Nuremberg Code on Medical Experimentation — that is, a Nuremberg crime against humanity — from today's COVID-19 'vaccines' and going all the way back in recent history to the 'vaccines' that produced Gulf War sickness starting in 1990-1991, when Friedrichs was a U.S. Military medical doctor.
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> "Of 500,000 U.S. troops inoculated, 11,000 died and 100,000 were disabled. I do not recall that Friedrichs was among the handful of courageous and principled military medical doctors who refused, as a matter of principle, to inflict Nuremberg crimes on our own troops. Did he? That needs to be investigated."

Michael Rectenwald, Ph.D., author of "Google Archipelago: The Digital Gulag and the Simulation of Freedom," said the selection of Friedrichs, who supported military vaccine mandates, may signal similar future mandates for the general public.

"We should not forget that the DOD mandated the COVID-19 vaccine for service members," Rectenwald said. "The OPPR will mandate vaccines for the nation."

And writing on her blog, Dr. Meryl Nass, an internist, biological warfare epidemiologist and member of the Children's Health Defense scientific advisory committee, questioned if the OPPR plans "to use the military's OTA [other transaction] authority again to bypass the FDA [U.S. Food and Drug Administration] and vaccinate us with untested junk that turned out to be poison, like it did for COVID."

Is OPPR "a health program or a military program?" Nass wrote.

Nass told The Defender that if the main purpose of the OPPR was to respond to pandemics and pandemic threats, an epidemiologist or infectious disease doctor would have been tapped to head the office instead of a military general.

Similarly, Dr. David Bell, a public health physician, biotech consultant and former director of Global Health Technologies at Intellectual Ventures Global Good Fund, told The Defender:

> "COVID-19 demonstrated that the sort of interventions envisioned by the pandemic preparedness lobby such as lockdowns and coerced mass vaccination, have poor public health outcomes.
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> "Public health should be concentrated on informing the public to make personal decisions about health, rather than the population-control approaches we saw for COVID-19 that are most profitable to the corporate world. We must hope this new health bureaucracy is more independent of vested interests, and will take an evidence-based approach."

Nass suggested that Friedrich's selection belies a broadly encompassing biosecurity agenda, which would include censorship of non-establishment medical information, surveillance and mass, or mandatory, vaccination, tied to U.N. and World Health Organization (WHO) "pandemic preparedness and response" efforts.

A 'WHO globalist worldwide medical and scientific police state' here in the U.S.?

Other experts also noted the similarities between the name of the OPPR, the U.N.'s draft PPPR and a similar recent agreement among WHO member states.

Still in "zero draft" form, the PPPR is scheduled to be discussed by the U.N. General Assembly in September 2023. It would also be tied to the WHO's proposed pandemic treaty and amendments to the International Health Regulations.

Similarly, a June 28 document from the WHO said, "Member States … have agreed to a global process to draft and negotiate a convention, agreement or other international instrument under the Constitution of the World Health Organization to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response."

And a separate but similar set of proposals — part of the U.N.'s "Pact for the Future" and "Our Common Agenda" — would give the U.N. secretary-general unprecedented emergency powers not only for pandemics but seemingly for an unlimited range of other potential crises. The U.N. will discuss these proposals in September 2024.

Boyle told The Defender the OPPR is "obviously being coordinated with the U.N. [and] the Biden administration to establish the effective functioning of a WHO globalist worldwide medical and scientific police state here in the United States."

"You need the mentality of an unprincipled military medical major general to do that," Boyle said. "All the trains will run on time."

Rectenwald drew similar connections, telling The Defender the OPPR and Friedrichs' selection:

> "Signifies the militarization of pandemic responses in the U.S., in line with the 'global governance' measures outlined by the U.N.'s Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response declaration.
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> "This new wing of the executive branch is the means by which this 'global governance' (read: one-world totalitarian system) is being introduced to the U.S., using pandemic preparedness as the pretext."

Notably, proposals for a government "pandemic preparedness" office date at least as far back as October 2020, when the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) issued an extensive set of recommendations calling upon the U.S. government to "adopt a robust strategy for domestic and global pandemic preparedness."

The report recommended that the U.S. "finally treat pandemics as a serious national security threat, translating its rhetorical support for pandemic preparedness into concrete action."

According to the CFR, this would entail "bolstering the White House's leadership role in preparing for and responding to pandemics, improving congressional input into and oversight over executive branch efforts, reforming the CDC so that it can perform more effectively, and clarifying the often confused division of labor across federal, state, and local governments in pandemic preparedness and response."

"The president should designate a focal point within the White House for global health security, including pandemic preparedness and response," the report added. "This office would have lead responsibility for coordinating the multiple federal departments and agencies in anticipating, preventing, and responding quickly to major disease outbreaks."

OPPR reports to Congress required only every 5 years, not annually

The establishment of the OPPR resulted from the passage of the PREVENT Pandemics Act in December 2022.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and the now-retired Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.), passed as part of an omnibus spending bill, contained a requirement for the creation of a White House pandemic preparedness and response office.

Though the bill was passed in December 2022, the White House was unable to immediately establish a pandemic preparedness office and name a director.

A Politico report in May said these efforts were "hindered by concerns over whether [the office] will have the influence within the administration and the financial resources needed to fulfill its broad mission — especially as COVID plummets down the list of political priorities."

According to the White House announcement, OPPR will "Develop and provide periodic reports to Congress" as required by law, including drafting and delivering to Congress "a biennial Preparedness Review and Report and Preparedness Outlook Report every five years."

On her blog, Nass wrote, "Instead of the more customary yearly reports, the reporting to Congress is being delayed considerably, perhaps until after many of us have died from the countermeasures — a great way to evade oversight."

In a separate blog post, Nass also observed that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requested $20 billion for "pandemic preparedness" in its fiscal year 2024 budget.

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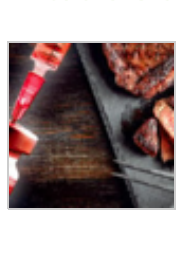
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kanga
21 days ago
The medical industrial complex in bed with the military industrial complex sends shivers down your spine. Particularly when MSM, lap-dog governments and big tech are under their spell. Of course, this lot are more or less the 'middlemen'. The top-dogs, are the money-worshipping psychopaths; the orchestrators of this global cesspool of evil. We have a huge battle on our hands, friends, but giving up must never, ever be an option. Our task is to continue working at opening the eyes of the ignorant. And believe me, I know how difficult and unrewarding that task is.
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Bry
21 days ago
Since "pandemics" are man made, this is only about martial law
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P Saunders
21 days ago
Proof of ever were needed that the people are now the enemy. They talk about domestic terrorism but not that it's the government/ military doing the terrorising.
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> **tony** → P Saunders
> 19 days ago
> Always "opposite day" with these evil psychopaths
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MICHAEL
21 days ago
SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET HIM ON RECORD IN A MAINSTREAM INTERVIEW ANSWERING QUESTIONS...

- THE LAST AGENCY IN THE U.S. TO PROCURE FROM PFIZER WAS THE DOD IN OPERATION WARP SPEED. DO YOU ANTICIPATE THAT DOD PROCUREMENT WOULD BE USED WHENEVER A PANDEMIC WAS CLASSIFIED AS A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT OR BIOWEAPON ATTACK?

- HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE THE ELEMENTS USED TO CLASSIFY AN ATTACK AS A BIOWEAPONS ATTACK ON THE U.S.?

- GIVEN THE CURRENT SCIENCE, WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF LOCKDOWNS, MASKING, AND FORCED VACCINATION AS TOOLS FOR PANDEMIC MITIGATION?

- HOW DO YOU SEE THE MISSION OF YOUR OFFICE? IS IT INVOLVED IN EARLY WARNING MECHANISMS, SETTING POLICY, ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY, OR SOMETHING FURTHER?

- WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT VIEW OF WHY THE U.S. AMONG NATIONS WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN PROTECTING ITS CITIZENS AMONG ALL OTHER WORLD NATIONS?

- WHAT ROLE IF ANY WILL YOUR OFFICE PLAY IN THE WAR AGAINST DISINFORMATION?
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> **tony** → MICHAEL
> 19 days ago
> When was the last time you saw the left debate? The last thing serial liars want is a rigorous debate. That pesky thing called the "scientific method" was founded on rigorous debate. I guess that too is just outdated or not needed.
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> **ACommentator** → MICHAEL
> 20 days ago
> YES!
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Donna Sheehan
21 days ago
We lost our freedom with The Patriot Act after 09/11 and the Governments Overreach. It's over a century we're aware of the corruption and yet we continue to violate International Law, Nuremberg Code using our military and yes brown and black children during AIDS. We're concerned about the next plandemic. Here's a suggestion Stop making these Bioweapons and releasing them on us. Perpetual wars is what we've achieved 👏
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kris
21 days ago
this is about as creepy as it gets.
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kaoshispano
21 days ago
Mengele was a miltary doctor... it is logic this happened FINNALY with all this PLANDEMIC agend for the national genocide from the elite of the NWO.
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Leslie Taylor
20 days ago edited
Wow, a record as impressive as Anthony Fauci's: "... from today's COVID-19 'vaccines' and going all the way back in recent history to the 'vaccines' that produced Gulf War sickness starting in 1990-1991, when Friedrichs was a U.S. Military medical doctor." "Of 500,000 U.S. troops inoculated, 11,000 died and 100,000 were disabled.
As well, "This office would have lead responsibility for coordinating the multiple federal departments and agencies in anticipating, preventing, and responding quickly to major disease outbreaks." OF THEIR MAKING.

Beginning with the highly questionable source of the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings and another downed NY city building at that very time, and now biowarfare with mandated injections under the pretense that they are vaccines intended to protect humanity from a deadly infection, our nations and other nations' political and corporate leaders are the real terrorists intent on a mass genocide while establishing totalitarian control over an enslaved, and ultimately transhumanized human specie, supposedly and again under the pretense of providing the best protection along with the promise of a biological/technical upgrade for those who survive the gene editing synthetic mRNA, and whatever else is in them, injections. Let's be clear on one thing, to become part machine, tranhumanized, is not a saving or prolonging of life. To become transhumanized is to become a partly dead thing, machines are dead not living things.
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> **Nod** → Leslie Taylor
> 17 days ago
> "eginning with the highly questionable source of the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings and another downed NY city building at that very time"
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> nothing quewstionable about it, given the science and the facts. 911, was an inside job, obviously.
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Ricky Ricardo
19 days ago
What's very concerning; is that the masses couldn't see all of this coming at the very beginning of the Convid PsyOps! Enjoy the "New Abnormal"! Is this clown also on the board of the WHO, WEF, UN?
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Gary Brown
20 days ago
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Nod
17 days ago
truth hurts. The globalists have captured all braches of government while they own most transnational corporations. While the herd slumbers.

we r done like dinner.
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> **bloodyspartan** → Nod
> 10 days ago
> With any luck they will choke on our bones.
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irishtap
20 days ago
How do we as citizens mitigate this unrelenting, seemingly systematic "plot to undermine representative government?" Since this information came via CHD, I say we begin by donating to this organization. Then share these findings with friends family and colleagues. Get active contacting representatives, local and national voicing our indignation. Put pressure on the CDC and all government health agencies; make them aware of a growing body of distrust toward them and show our evidence for justifying our position. We must lambaste the President and Vice President with avalanches of angry social media and calling the Whitehouse directly. In other words, be hyper vigilant and take action as citizens. Because until someone is appointed king; we are still in charge.
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brbg
18 days ago
George Orwell would be proud.
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> **D Turgeon** → brbg
> 14 days ago
> George Orwell would be appalled, though unsurprised.
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Paul Hastilow
19 days ago
So let's get this Straight,,,! The Assumption is that, Because the Last "PlanDemic" was a "Gain of Function Bio Weapon, Engineered in a Lab"
Hence Military Weapon of "Mass Deathstruction", then We need a Military Man to oversee the Next one….? (Currently being Manufactured visa vi Bill Gates)
If There was No "Fiddling" with Viruses that do Not come from Nature, then there would be No Need for this Military Led Government Department….!
"They" have a Huge Ability to Make Things Worse than Nature Can…!
Hard to Believe that America is Gearing up for a Military Coupe.
"They" have Created a Monster, that is about to Devour Us.
Just look at the Money wasted ($rillions) on the "Defence Budget" to Perpetuate Never Ending Wars around the World…..!
If "Sanity" doesn't win the Next Election in 2024, then there will not be another one. Just As if we get to WW3…….there will never be WW4….!
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p. gutierrez
21 days ago
This OPPR in the executive branch, seems to have functions overlapping the CDC, NIH, ASPR and NIAID. What is the enabling statute for this office other than Joe Biden. It was Trump who laid the foundations for OPPR, when he personally usurped the HHS secretary in handling Covid-19 in February 2020. HHS secretary who by federal statute was supposed to investigate the origins of Covid-19, not the Senate nor House of Representatives. More alphabets in the pandemic preparedness and response offices, alphabet soup. But are we any safer or prepared when the NIH, NIAID, and CDC refused to use their hundreds of scientists, to look into the origins of Covid-19? Rather, told the WHO to investigate the matter.
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Iset : Navigium Isidis
21 days ago
this is a nazi plague, a spirit of death - May God protect you all, 1 wolrd order
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Leslie Taylor
16 days ago edited
We are likely looking at a military coup d'état, or simply a coup, an illegal and overt attempt by the military and other so-called elites to unseat the incumbent leader and any other U.S. political candidates and leaders. This comment is a little late, but I keep reviewing the article and its implications in my mind. We have a president who is becoming increasingly incompetent mentally., I would also suggest, as many others do, that he is also quite morally deficient and this is going to become more widely known. No one wants Kamala Harris as president so Biden stays put, a figurehead for now; probably always was. He may not even be responsible for the appointment of Major General Paul Friedrichs to lead the new Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy. This too has likely been planned well in advance. Why would RFK Jr. be prevented, blacklisted (not allowed to debate) censored, and vilified and lied about, throughout the WEF/NWO bought and controlled MSM in an effort to destroy his candidacy for President of the United States? The elections are meaningless. Yet Kennedy's voice and presence, along with many other courageous individuals, has been and now over the course of the election is of inestimable value.
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Dr. Olivier Godichet
20 days ago
To be suprise that a war surgeon, probably with some management but du obedience put in charge. Despite knowing probably nothing about generating statistics, and the sort of biases of measures on statistics. That is how this loyal stuffer of good intentions, is going to consider smoothly what some epidemic will make to generated normal curve. Stuff of communication? - to change the truth of informative pdf (probability - distributive - function). Government ignoring the need for true information revolution of contain?). For persons stop to speculation on complot and care, in lay terms, about their health? America is amazingly lucky with plenty of geographical backyard places, shelter, and disperse there to survive, before contaminated by viruses. Or what are the risks of RNA

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